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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Takayuki ARAKI et al.  
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Title: SURFACE-MODIFIED NICKEL FINE POWDER

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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August 16, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.